

REMARKS

Please enter the above amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee. Upon entry, claims 1-20 will be in the present application.

The above amendments are made to correct the claim dependencies of those claims which in their original form are improperly multi-dependent under U.S. practice, so that such claims will be examined; and to eliminate all multi-dependencies in order to reduce the government filing fee.

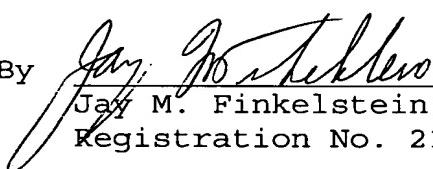
Such amendments are made entirely without prejudice, the applicants respectfully reserving their rights to add claims at a later stage commensurate in scope with claims which may have been eliminated by removal of all multi-dependencies. Regardless, the amendments made above are not "narrowing" amendments. The scope of the claims has not been reduced; no limitations have been added and none are intended.

Applicants respectfully await the results of a first examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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